

House File 560

H-1305

1 Amend House File 560 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause  
3 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. PREPAID METERING STUDY. The utilities  
5 board of the utilities division of the department of  
6 commerce shall conduct a study regarding the merits of  
7 making the installation of a prepaid metering system  
8 available to utility customers. The prepaid metering  
9 system subject to the study would involve equipment  
10 configured to terminate electric service immediately  
11 and automatically when a utility customer has incurred  
12 charges for electric service equal to the customer's  
13 prepayments for such service. The board shall identify  
14 and involve interested stakeholders in conducting  
15 the study, which shall include but not be limited to  
16 electric utility representatives, one or more consumer  
17 advocacy agencies or organizations, and utility  
18 customers. Aspects of the study shall include but not  
19 be limited to whether automatic termination of service  
20 should be considered a voluntary termination not  
21 subject to disconnection requirements and restrictions,  
22 customer education regarding the installation and use  
23 of a prepaid metering system, and the potential for  
24 inadvertent or unintentional termination based upon  
25 an oversight on the part of a customer or a utility.  
26 The board shall submit a report regarding the results  
27 of the study to the general assembly by December 15,  
28 2011.>

29 2. Title page, line 1, by striking <providing for>  
30 and inserting <directing the Iowa utilities board to  
31 conduct a study regarding>

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